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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following documents:

U.S. Patent Documents

Shiber	5,041,082	(08/20/91)
Miller et al.	5,250,058	(10/05/93)
Cope et al.	5,690,656	(11/25/97)
Popov et al.	5,702,412	(12/30/97)
LeMole	5,893,369	(04/13/99)
Rygaard	5,993,468	(11/30/99)
Bolduc et al.	6,193,734	(02/27/01)

These documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), and copies are enclosed herewith.

The documents listed in this Statement were first cited by a foreign patent office in applications of another from which claims were recently copied into this application (see the "Notification Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b)" in applicants' recently filed "Supplemental Amendment And Notification Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b) Identifying Published Patent Applications From Which Claims Have Been Copied"). The following identifies each application from which claims have been copied into this application. For each application from which claims have been copied, the following further identifies the references (if published and therefore available to the under-signed attorney) in the International Search Report for that application that are associated with the claims that have been copied. A copy of the available International Search Report for each application is also enclosed herewith.

WO 01/70091

Kaster et al.	5,234,447*
Bolduc et al.	6,193,734

(*applicants have already submitted a copy of this reference with the IDS filed 03/19/02)

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Miller et al.	5,250,058
Cope et al.	5,690,656
Gifford, III et al.	5,695,504*
LeMole	5,893,369
Rygaard	5,993,468
Goldsteen et al.	5,976,178**

(*applicants have already submitted a copy of this reference with the IDS filed 12/01/99)

(**the Examiner cited this reference in an Office Action mailed March 6, 2002)

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Search Report Not Available

WO 01/70118

Applicants submitted this search report and the references contained therein with the IDS filed 03/19/02.

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Shiber 5,041,082*

Popov et al. 5,702,412*

(*these documents were recently cited in an IPER issued on this case, however, these documents were cited in relation to claims that applicants have not copied.)

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Applicants submitted this search report and the references contained therein with the IDS filed 03/19/02.

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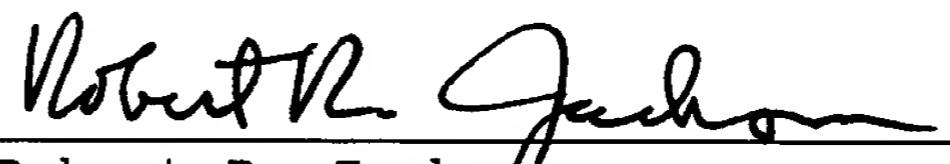
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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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